

LAUGHS AT CORBETT

BILLY THOMPSON SAYS HE NEVER WAS CHAMPION.

Then He Goes on to Hinge His Claim on Corbett's Refusal to Fight Goddard. Saying Further that, Since Denver Ed Smith Whipped Joe White Corbett Did Not When He Had the Chance, Smith is Champion—Anyhow, He Offers to Put Smith Up Against Any Man in the World—Sporting News.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 6.—Billy Thompson, who has taken the management of Denver Ed Smith, announces his willingness to match him against any man in the world. He laughs at Corbett presenting the title of champion of the world to Pete Maher. He says Corbett never held the title after his failure to accept Joe Goddard's challenge, losing by default. Smith immediately fought Goddard and defeated him, thus obtaining the championship. Consequently Corbett could not present what he did not own. Then Goddard beat Maher in three rounds and Fitzsimmons had already defeated him, so Thompson says it is a farce for the two men to be contending for the title. He says he will take on the winner and in the meantime would arrange a match between Denver Ed Smith and Jim Hall, Joe Chynoweth or any other heavyweight in America. He would go to England and take Paddy Slavin, Peter Jackson or Joe Smith.

Peter Signs to Meet Bob.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6.—Peter Maher tonight signed articles to meet Bob Fitzsimmons for the world's heavyweight championship on Feb. 14 next in Mexico. John J. Quinn, Maher's manager, brought the document from New York, where it was drawn up yesterday. Maher heard tonight for the first time of the story published in a New York paper this morning to the effect that he had been engaged to be married to Miss Minnie Mitchell, a variety actress playing at the Eighth Avenue theater. Maher declared that there was not a word of truth in the story and that he "would kick the man that wrote it if he got his hands on him."

INTERSTATE WHIST LEAGUE

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 6.—The Interstate Whist League, which has headquarters at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, and South Dakota enthusiasts, opened its annual contest this afternoon. Sioux Falls men led in the session. The most important trophy, the silver pitcher, which was donated by President Beck and Benjamin F. Richards, of the First National bank of Rock Rapids, and treasurer, was won by the team of the Sioux Falls club and can only be won by another club coming out best in three successive contests.

Dunraven will sail Thursday.

London, Eng., Dec. 6.—The Field announces this morning that Lord Dunraven will sail for New York on next Thursday in order to resume an inquiry as to the degree of the immersion of the Defender in the first race for the America's cup in September.

No Decisions of Importance.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—The board of appeals of the American Trotting association continued its session today and handed down a large number of decisions, none of them, however, being of much importance.

Ingleside Races.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 6.—The track was very muddy and slippery today but the form players managed to pick three out of five winners. Popular was the handicap from Peter V. Summary.

First race—Seven furlongs: Red Glenn won; E. H. Shirley, second; Patriot, third. Time 1:42.2.

Second—Six furlongs: Basso won; Our Maggie, second; Hidalgo, third. Time 1:46.

Third—Five furlongs: Sir Play won; John, second; Mohawks, third. Time 1:41.2.

Fourth—Seven furlongs: Selling: Charleville won; All Over, second; Shield Bearer, third. Time 1:31.3-4.

New Orleans Races.

New Orleans, Dec. 6.—Weather cool and clear; track fast; attendance 2,000. Summary:

First race—Seven furlongs: Tom Sayre won; Miss Young, second; Mate, third. Time 1:28.5.

Second—Seven furlongs: Heretie won; Del Coronado, second; Newhouse, third. Time 1:29.4.

Third—Mile: Orinda won; Ashland second; Robert Latta, third. Time 1:43.

Fourth—Handicap, mile: Lightfoot won; Imp Woolsey, second; Peytonia, third. Time 1:42.3.

Fifth—Six furlongs: Souvenir won; Renaud second; Lucy Bell, third. Time 1:29.4.

ONE PER CENT OF THE RUMOR.

Greek Church to Cost Five Thousand Dollars.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 6.—Bishop Nicholas of the Greek church says that the announcement that he has been instructed by the holy synod at St. Peterburg to build in Chicago a great cathedral costing not less than \$500,000 is a mistake. Through an interpreter he said:

"I have received no such instructions. The holy synod of St. Peterburg has taken no action as indicated in the report. I am in Chicago I authorized the priests there to build a church in the suburbs of Chicago, but instead of the sum of \$500,000 it will cost \$50,000. The sum will include the cost of the lot and the church. No member of the royal family will become the patron of the church. A great cathedral would be out of proportion to the needs of the city in this country."

Bishop Nicholas said that he had not estimated the exact number of believers in the faith there are in the United States, but would place it at 50,000. In making this estimate he did not include Alaska, which would swell the number very largely. The congregation in this city has several hundred members. The bishop concluded by saying that he did not intend to leave San Francisco.

WORD "LINE" IS DEFINED.

Held to be a Physical Affair, Not a Business Arrangement.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The interstate commerce commission today announced its decision in the case brought by E. J. Daniels against the Rock island and the Great Northern railways, involving discriminations in rates between Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Duluth.

The word "line" is used in the statute, the commission rules, means a physical line and not a mere business arrangement, and carriers are prohibited from changing through rates on traffic over a line formed by connection of two or more roads, which are less as a whole than the rates in force on like traffic carried under a single line. The decision sets forth that the law requires the regulation of charges according to the ascertained, right, and not to places; it is not an agency for the regulation of trade by enabling shippers and communities to do business, or to put

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Havana, Cuba, Dec. 6.—A correspondent in Puerto Principe confirms the report of the engagement near La Reforma, which was called by the Associated Press on Wednesday, and in which General Suarez Valdez diverted the advance of Antonio Maceo an Santa Clara. The insurgents were repulsed, their loss killed and wounded being reported at 200.

The insurgent leader Camillo Rusie has been brought to More castle and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Merit wins, as is shown by the marvelous success of Hood's Sarsaparilla, the great blood purifier.

OVER A GENPOWDER MINE.

New York Firemen Turn the Water on Through the Roof of a Warehouse.

New York, Dec. 6.—Fire broke out today in the six-story brick warehouse building at 271-273 South and 375-343 Water streets, occupied by Deys and others. On the fourth floor fully \$75,000 worth of fire crackers were stored. These exploded and made the work of the firemen dangerous. In the building there were stored over \$100,000 worth of merchandise in bond from the East India and China trade. It is fully covered by insurance. On the top floor of the building a large quantity of powder was said to be stored.

The only way to reach the blaze with effect was through the roof and the work of cutting that away while underneath were gun powder and other explosives, was extremely dangerous.

The loss on the building and contents is estimated at \$130,000, much of which was caused by water.

FIRE IN THE ASSAY OFFICE.

Great Commotion in Which a Policeman Got His Nose Run.

New York, Dec. 6.—There was great commotion in the assay office in Wall street this morning. The journal of an engine in the deposit melting room, where \$140,000 in gold bars was being arranged for shipment, became overheated and the oil ignited. The flame followed the oil train along the point of the machinery to the ceiling. Great volumes of black smoke quickly filled all the rooms of the building. Outside on the Wall street side came a great cracking at the doors. It was a policeman trying to get in. An official opened the door about an inch and then slammed the door in the policeman's face. The policeman ran to a fire box and turned in an alarm, and in a few moments two engines rattled up to the corner. The firemen, axes in hand, made an onslaught on the door, which was opened by a policeman. The fire was extinguished and the damage was not serious.

GREAT STORM IN GERMANY.

Hurricane Rages Forty Hours while there are Earthquakes in Austria.

London, Dec. 7.—Advices to the Standard from Berlin say that a regular hurricane raged in Germany for forty hours and stopped all telegraph communication. From Paris it is reported that the mails are much delayed. The bridge in the Petrovich harbor at Manassah has been much damaged. Dispatches from the same place from Vienna report a terrible storm and great damage to property. There were two violent earthquake shocks at Ljubach, Austria, yesterday morning. (Thursday.)

MORE READY TO FOLLOW.

St. Louis Militiamen Yearning to Achieve Glory of Cuba.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 6.—The Cuban insurgents do not look in vain for sympathy in St. Louis. In addition to Captain Rogers, who is now on an island in command of a band of Americans, Corporal Edward M. Knapp of company F, First regiment National guards, has been sent to Cuba under a commission as the United States recognizes the Cubans as belligerents.

Madrid, Dec. 6.—Official advices from Havana under date of the 5th inst. say that Spanish troops under Valdez and Navarro have defeated the rebels under

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The work of the committee has been principally devoted to chattel mortgages. Mr. Cooper said that the chattel mortgage laws of most states were framed to cover small transactions, but that this class of chattel mortgages had come to enter into some of the largest deals. The committee had framed an ideal chattel mortgage law a year ago, which he hoped could be placed on the statute books of the various states when the next legislatures assembled. The committee was continued to prosecute its work.

At the afternoon session the report of the executive committee was considered.

SEBASKANS WILL BUILD OTHERS.

New Distilleries in Place of Those Shut Down by the Frost.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 6.—The action of the reorganized whisky trust in shutting down the Nebraska distilleries, thereby forcing down the price of grain, has resulted in a movement that has for its object the building of two new distilleries in Omaha, which shall be free from the trust, which is meeting with considerable success among local capitalists. One man of sound financial standing has offered to furnish \$15,000 toward the capital stock and others express a willingness to do their share toward increasing the amount to others in proportion to the company upon a good footing. A number of very wealthy farmers are contributing to the fund.

HANGMAN'S DAY DOWN SOUTH.

Five Murders, all of Whom Confess Their Crimes, die in South Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 6.—Prince Graham, Jason Blake and William Frazer were hanged at Hampton today for the murder of E. R. Mears, committed for robbery. On the railroads they persisted in saying that William Blake, senior has nothing to do with the crime. He was convicted along with the others but received a recommendation to mercy, which reduced his sentence to imprisonment. He was taken from the sheriff and lynched as he was leaving court.

REPORT IN A MISTAKE.

No Smallpox at Bradock, Pa., as Hitherto Stated.

New York, Dec. 6.—Today Gustav Schwab received the following dispatch from Louis H. Myer, the Philadelphia agent of the North German Lloyd steamship company:

"Dr. Lee, secretary of the Pennsylvania state board of health, says that the report from Bradock is a mistake. No sickness there as anywhere else. He can hear of in connection with the Kaiser Wilhelm III."

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A negro named Elliott was hanged at Chester today for the murder of a white man named Welch, in Lancaster county. All the condemned men confessed their guilt.

STATE OF THE ANDREWS COMPANY.

Officers Make a Clear Statement of its Standing in Court.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Alfred H. Andrews president of the A. H. Andrews company, which failed Thursday, F. A. Carey, the treasurer, and F. A. Holbrook, the assignee, appeared in the county court today on the citation of the creditors to examine the books of the company financially. They gave a clear account of the condition of affairs and the causes which led up to the failure. Holbrook made a report showing that the company has merchandise on hand worth \$25,000 according to the inventory made last July. He said the building in which the manufacturing is done is worth with the ground \$25,000. The machinery is worth about \$10,000. Altogether there are assets clear of incumbrances amounting to \$175,000, and the unsecured liabilities are \$125,000.

NATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE.

Chattel Mortgages and Arbitration of Differences are Discussed.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 6.—At the opening session of the National Livestock exchange the question of arbitration of differences between members of different exchanges occupied the greater part of the time. The plan to have such difficulties adjusted by an arbitration committee has been agitated for several years but nothing has been accomplished. It was proposed to adopt a rule ordering all local exchanges to have such difficulties adjusted by an arbitration committee. Finally the matter was referred to a special committee to formulate some plan of action and to report before adjournment. The chair appointed Mr. McCoy of Kansas City, Mr. Martin of Omaha, Mr. James of St. Louis, Mr. Broderick of East St. Louis, Mr. Mayor of St. Louis, C. W. Simpson of Fort Worth and C. W. Mayhew of Chicago.

The report of the special committee on legislation was given verbally by Chairman Frank Cooper of Kansas City.

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